Newman

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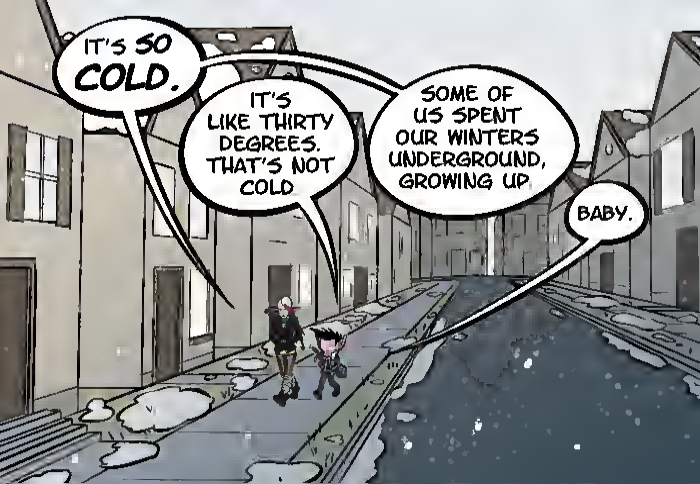
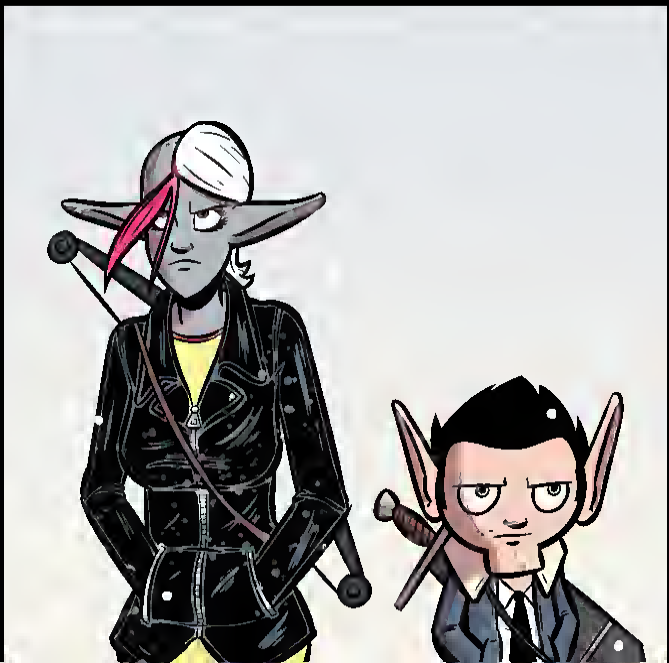

IT'S SO COLD.
IT'S LIKE THIRTY DEGREES. THAT'S NOT COLD
SOME OF US SPENT OUR WINTERS UNDERGROUND, GROWING UP
BABY.

SO, HOW GOES THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?
WELL, THE ONLY PERSON I HAVE LEFT TO BUY FOR IS EVERYONE.

YOU SHOULD COME TO THE MALL WITH ME AFTER WORK
BLUGH. I HATE SHOPPING. ESPECIALLY THIS TIME OF YEAR. SO MANY PEOPLE. THE LINES. I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO BUY ANYBODY...

COME ON, IT WILL BE FUN!
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I'LL JUST BUY GIFT CARDS THIS YEAR.



I DEMAND YOU STOP BEING A FUDDY DUDDY AND GO SHOPPING WITH ME!

ALRIGHT.

SO, YOU GONNA BE SANTA'S HELPER AT THE OFFICE AGAIN THIS YEAR?
UGH! OF COURSE. EVERY FREAKIN' YEAR IT'S THE SAME THING
I SHOULD FILE A COMPLAINT WITH HR
PIN

GET THE SHORT GUY WITH BIG EARS, HE'LL MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS ELF
THAT'S PROFILING!
AND SERIOUSLY. HAVE YOU EVER EVEN MET AN ELF THAT WAS SHORTER THAN 5'10"?
WHERE ARE THEY EVEN GETTING THIS MYTH FROM? BECAUSE I'M NOT BUYING IT!

WOW. SORE SUBJECT. I JUST LIKE YOUR POINTY HAT.

ANYWAYS... WHAT ARE YOUR CHRISTMAS PLANS? HANGING TINSEL IN THE UNDERDARK?
MY FAMILY ISN'T REALLY BIG INTO CHRISTMAS.
I USUALLY JUST STAY HOME AND WATCH MOVIES.

WOAH. WHAT!?
IT'S NO BIG DEAL. IT'S WHAT I DO MOST YEARS.

THAT'S TERRIBLE! I MEAN-- WHAT!?
NEWMAN, REALLY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT---
NO! YOU CAN'T SIT ON THE COUCH BY YOURSELF AT CHRISTMAS. THAT'S AWFUL!

YOU'RE HAVING CHRISTMAS WITH MY FAMILY, AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

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